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Thinner showers to-day; fair and warmer to-morrow.

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TO CUT OFF GEN. KOUROPATKIN

JAPANESE ARMY ON THE MOVE TOWARDS LIAOYANG.

Tokio Telegrams of the Early Morning Fight Which Ended in the Capture of Fenchengling—Victorious Japanese Squadrons Pushed Out and Bombarded a Russian Port, Then Made Southeast—One Warship Out of Port Arthur.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, July 1.—Reports both from St. Petersburg and Tokio agree that the Japanese forces which captured Motien Pao are advancing to meet the Russian troops under Gen. Keller, which are holding the road to Liaoyang with the object it is believed of cutting off the Russian communications on the north.

Meanwhile Gen. Kourapatkin is at Hai-cheng with practically all of the Russian army.

Tokio hears that Gen. Kourapatkin is concentrating at that point the First, Fifth and Ninth entire divisions of the Siberian sharpshooters, a brigade each of the Thirty-first and Thirty-fifth Russian divisions, 120 guns and twenty squadrons of Trans-Baikal and Amur cavalry.

All the news tends to confirm the completeness and importance of the Japanese seizures of commanding positions. Gen. Kourapatkin sent the Czar a wordy, impassioned despatch concerning the fighting which resulted in the Russian retreat, this being attributed to the great strength of the enemy and their successful turning movements.

A passage in a Tokio despatch about extricating the artillery, and a sentence in Gen. Kourapatkin's despatch relating how at one time the Japanese retired pursued by the Russians, are indications of the severity of the struggle, and that the victory was not a walkover.

RUSSIANS IN A SERIOUS POSITION.
Gen. Kourapatkin's report adds nothing of material consequence and reveals no indication that he regards the loss of the passes as serious or in any way regrettable. Unofficial reports bearing on the same subject represent the position as becoming more serious daily for the Russians.

According to a Tientsin report the Japanese now hold every pass, including those northeast of Mukden.

The Russians are everywhere falling back on their main position. Matters are quickly coming to a head. There are fresh rumors of Gen. Kourapatkin retiring to the north to avoid having his retreat cut off, but it is still impossible to state what is happening in this respect.

Beyond the raid at Gansen there is nothing known of the movements of the Vladivostok squadron. The Russian naval losses are indications are increasing that Admiral Togo's "apparently" in his original report of the sinking of Russian warships needs emphasizing. It is now admitted at Tokio that possibly none was sunk, although the Japanese are convinced that their torpedoes struck three ships.

The Tokio correspondent of the Times says that the announcement that the Vladivostok squadron is again out on a raid confirms the view that the object of the Russians is to create apprehension in Japan and force Admiral Togo to reduce the strength of his fleet at Port Arthur, thus enabling the Russian squadron there to make a successful sortie.

THE TAKING OF FENCHU PASS.
TOKIO, June 30.—It is stated that the Russian defenses of the passes lately captured by the Japanese were weakened by the withdrawal of troops to help Gen. Stakelberg. The enemy thus lost far too clearly positions on which they had spent weeks in elaborate preparation.

According to a detailed report from Irkutsk the Japanese advanced in three columns on June 26 from Kangpanku. The Russian detachment advanced against the Russian right flank. The Russian detachment moved against the rear of the right flank, and the Togo detachment protected the Russian detachment's rear.

The Togo detachment attacked the Russian eastern line, which was held by three battalions of infantry, with six guns, two machine guns, and some cavalry. The position being strongly fortified the operations lasted from 5 in the morning until midnight. Then the Japanese bivouacked until midnight, when they renewed their onslaught, routed the Russians and occupied the position.

On the afternoon of June 27, however, the Russians were reinforced by three battalions of infantry and sixteen guns, and tried to retake the position. They were repulsed and finally driven off at 7.30 in the evening.

ADVANCE AT 3 IN THE MORNING.
The Russian detachment arrived at Chieh-kuoting on the evening of June 26, and a force was sent to harass the enemy's rear and the flank fronting the Togo detachment. The main body advanced at 3 A. M. on June 27 against the rear and occupied the village of Fenchengling. It also encountered two battalions at Irhtankau, which were routed during the morning.

The Asada detachment routed 2,000 infantry and cavalry at Wanchapentse on the night of June 26, remaining under arms at the eastern foot of Fenchengling Hill until 5 o'clock in the morning, when the Russian artillery poured a deadly hail of shells into it.

The Japanese artillery replied, after which the Kamada detachment drove off two companies of the enemy's infantry and occupied the slope of Tipping Hill, allowing

TO ASK RUSSIAN SURRENDER.

A Report From Tokio of an Ultimatum to Gen. Kourapatkin.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
ROMA, June 30.—A telegram from Tokio says that the Mikado to-day presided at a Cabinet meeting at which Field Marshal Oyama, the newly appointed commander-in-chief of the Japanese armies in Manchuria, was present.

It was decided that after the fall of Port Arthur and the evacuation of Liaoyang by the Russians Oyama should address an ultimatum to Gen. Kourapatkin asking him to surrender to avoid further and useless bloodshed. A copy of the ultimatum is to be sent to the Powers.

Should Gen. Kourapatkin refuse to surrender, the Japanese anticipate that they will be able to annihilate his forces.

KAISER AND KING WISH PEACE.

Their Meeting at Kiel Results in an Agreement on Their Position.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, July 1.—According to the Kiel correspondent of the Express the meeting there of Emperor William and King Edward resulted in the mutual conviction that each is actuated by a disinterested and sincere desire for peace in the Far East, which they resolved to cooperate in promoting whenever the opportunity for mediation arises without risk of violating neutrality or of offending Russia or Japan.

HARMON AN OPEN CANDIDATE.

The Ex-Attorney-General to Fight for the Democratic Nomination.

CINCINNATI, June 30.—Ex-Attorney General Judson Harmon returned to-day from the East, and simultaneously with his return his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President was, for the first time, formally announced at local Democratic headquarters. There is no reservation whatever in the announcement of his candidacy, and as a candidate he will now assume the aggressive attitude. The declaration is made by ex-District Attorney Harlan Cleveland, third cousin of Grover Cleveland, by M. E. Ingalls, and by other leading Democrats.

Harlan Cleveland, who was on a political mission East recently, and who, it is understood, held a conference with Grover Cleveland, has been in charge of Mr. Harmon's quiet campaign for weeks. It is claimed that the trip from which Mr. Harmon returned to-day was one for consultation with Eastern leaders.

When Judge Harmon was informed that his friends were determined to put up an aggressive campaign for his nomination, without regard to the wishes of any other candidate, and that Ohio was determined to support him from the start, he said:

"I guess we may as well stand by the flag. I do not know what has been going on since I went away. If my candidacy were not announced now, my position would be understood. That is what my friends tell me."

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD PLEADER.

Little Girl Files Brief Which Wins Her Father's Freedom.

Solomon Retig, of 283 Stanton street, died \$5 on Wednesday in the Essex Market police court on a petty charge and was committed to jail for five days in default of payment.

Yesterday afternoon his twelve-year-old daughter, with torn dress and tear stained face, approached Magistrate Moss and said:

"Please, Judge, my father is in jail and I want him to come home. I go to school and what I want to say I have written down because I was afraid I would cry when I got here and couldn't tell you the story."

She handed the Magistrate a sheet of note paper on which was written:

DEAR JUDGE—Yesterday morning my father went out on the market to buy some of the things we need. I went with him and we haven't got a cent in the house. My mother is very sick and last night we got a new baby. There is no one in the house to attend her. We have a little child, one year old, and it comes out for us to die from hunger if my father is not home. You can send to prove that this is no lie. Please be so kind and let my father out.

RACHEL RETIG.

"You are a brave little girl," said the Magistrate. "Certainly I will let your father go."

Former Assistant District Attorney Rosalsky slipped a bill into the girl's hand, and his example was followed by the Magistrate and others.

She was allowed to take the discharge into the prison herself, and after thanking the Magistrate she escorted her father proudly from the court.

MASONIC OATH NOT A BAR.

Appellate Division Decides That a Witness Cannot Take Refuge Behind It.

GLENN FALLS, N. Y., June 30.—That a Masonic oath is no bar to revealing information desired in a court proceeding was to-day decided by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Third Department, in an appeal from an order of Surrogate Jenkins, in this county, imposing a fine of \$100 and imprisonment on President Eugene L. Ashley of the Hudson River Power Company until he had purged himself of contempt in refusing to disclose information he testified he possessed concerning the William Van Rensselaer estate, in which the William Moore estate is interested.

The proceedings were brought by H. P. King, executor of the Moore estate. Ashley was at one time Moore's attorney, and refused to answer on the ground that he had secured the desired information from confidential revelations of his client, and in addition he had taken the Masonic oath not to reveal them. To-day's decision allows Ashley to purge himself of contempt by answering the questions.

France Not to Be Represented at Vatican.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, June 30.—Premier Combes informed the budget committee of the Chamber of Deputies to-day that the French Ambassador would not be returned to the Vatican.

SPECIAL TRAIN FROM ATLANTIC CITY

Arrived at New York, June 30.

RIOT OVER OLD MAN'S ARREST

FLYAWAY GANG ATTACK THE 15TH STREET MISTRETTA.

Italian Patriarch Fires Shots to Kill Police—Cops Start to Drag Him to Station and His Family Resist—Pierces Flight: Ten Prisoners; a Dozen Hurt.

Salvatore Mistretta is 52 years old and the father of eighteen children. He came to this country from Italy some years ago and has helped gradually to bring order to the neighborhood. He keeps a tailoring establishment at 541 East Fifth street and lives over the store. His oldest son, Antonio, has been successful with a grocery store next door, at 543.

In business with Salvatore is his brother, Gaetano, who lives across the street, at 544. Salvatore's children have grown up and some have married and are now fathers and mothers. Gaetano is also the head of a large family and has children who have wedded. In fact, Fifth street, in the neighborhood of Avenue C, is a colony of Italians all related to old Salvatore Mistretta. All hands love and look up to the old man with the most profound respect.

In the vicinity live a number of young men who despise the Italians. The increase in numbers and other property of the latter have not appeared to their sense of the fitness of things. These young rowdies call themselves the "Flyaway Gang." They have always been the source of much trouble to the police. They often abuse residents of the neighborhood and sometimes even attack the police themselves. Last night, two grandsons of old Salvatore Mistretta were attacked by these hoodlums.

The old man was across the street, at 544, consulting with his brother Gaetano, concerning their business. Seeing the young ones attacked, Salvatore fired several shots from the front window. He inflicted injury on no one and says the shots were fired to amuse the police, and partly to frighten the rowdies who were attacking his grandchildren. Policemen Mills and Ayers of the East Twenty-second street station heard the shots and ran up.

They saw that the revolver had been fired from the second floor of 544 and rushed up there. Finding old Salvatore with the smoking weapon in his hand, they dragged him to the street and started in the direction of Avenue B.

All windows were filled with heads by this time, and when the Italians saw the old man who was responsible for their happiness being roughly handled, there was a rush for the street. The two cops were mobbed and old Salvatore was taken from them. The police, however, but they were dragged into the grocery store of Antonio.

The policemen followed and a lively row ensued. Three other policemen ran up, and many shots were fired in the store. The policemen found they were not only battling with strong men, but with small boys and girls. It is estimated that fifty of Salvatore's children and grandchildren were assaulting the police in the little stuffy grocery.

One cop received a wound on the head, made doubly ugly owing to the fact that he had been hit with a bottle of catsup. Policemen Mills says he was hit with tomatoes surrounded by a can. Edward Roach and James Flaherty, truck drivers, living in the neighborhood, willingly went to the assistance of the police, and from the store through the door and Flaherty got a bullet perforation in his left ear. They say that Andrew, the youngest son of Salvatore, fired the shots.

The row created great excitement in the neighborhood. Some one telephoned to the East Twenty-second street station that a number of policemen were being murdered, and this information served to bring Capt. Gallagher and the reserves to the scene of the trouble in a hurry.

The reinforcements cleared the street for a block and then the search for prisoners began. Two ambulances had been summoned from Bellevue Hospital, and the surgeons on each were kept busy for some time in attending to the wounded. The police got ten prisoners.

Old Salvatore was charged with firing four shots from a window, resisting arrest, inciting riot and carrying concealed weapons. He also received several bad wounds inflicted by nightsticks and also suffered from a bullet wound in the forehead. His seventeen-year-old daughter, Sarah, was shot in the right hand. She was attempting to shield her father from being shot. She was attended by an ambulance surgeon and then locked up, charged with inciting riot.

Kate Vigara, 29 years old, a married daughter of Salvatore, was arrested, charged with assaulting Policemen Burey, who saw she hit him on the head with a club. The cop had a big lump on the top of his head. Muncio Vigara, her husband, was hustled to the station and placed in a cell because in the opinion of the cops he incited riot.

John and Ferdinand, sons of old Salvatore, were locked up for the same reason. Pasquale, another son, was charged with firing two shots at Policemen Ayers and was locked up, as was Andrew, the other son.

Antonio, the grocery store keeper, was shot in the left breast, and was in such a serious condition that he was removed to Bellevue Hospital. Before leaving, the police went to the house of Gaetano, brother of Salvatore, and arrested him on a charge of inciting riot.

The grocery store was wrecked. Salvatore's wife became so hysterical that she required the services of an ambulance surgeon, as did half a dozen grandchildren of hers, who became so frightened they couldn't speak.

The "Flyaways" executed a stunt in keeping with the title of their organization.

At the station house, later, Salvatore, Roach and Flaherty were found to be in such bad shape that they were taken to Bellevue for treatment. Capt. Gallagher discovered a lump on the back of his head, received in the fray.

Filipino Decorate McKinley's Casket.

CANTON, Ohio, June 30.—A committee of six members of the Filipino commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition arrived here from Cleveland to-day. The party paid a visit to Mrs. McKinley and then rode to West Lawn Cemetery where a floral wreath was placed on the casket of the late President.

Latent Marine Intelligence.

Arrived at St. Ignace, Hamburg, June 17.

Barnett's Extract of Vanilla.

Is purely and strength pre-eminently superior.

OVERTURNED IN THE SOUND.

Miss June Pruden of This City and Two Young Men Captive—All Saved.

STAMFORD, Conn., June 30.—Miss June Pruden of 112 West Ninety-fourth street, New York, granddaughter of Dr. Winfield A. Pruden, George Sims of 36 Irving place and Harold Bessold, also of New York, who are summering at Shippan Point, had a narrow escape from drowning in the Sound to-day.

They were out fishing in a small skiff about three miles off Shippan Point when a puff of wind upset their boat. All three were thrown into the Sound, but were able to hang to the side of the overturned boat. Elme started to swim ashore for aid. When some distance from shore he was seen by Mrs. Robert A. Fosdyke, wife of the president of the Fidelity Life and Trust Company. She telephoned uptown to police headquarters and a city ambulance with three policemen went down to the Point.

William McDevitt, the owner of the High School baseball team last fall, put out to rescue the party in a canoe. McDevitt got Miss Pruden in his canoe. When a short distance off shore the canoe overturned and McDevitt and Miss Pruden were thrown into the water. Miss Pruden swam ashore, although she was completely exhausted. Elme and Bessold also got ashore in safety.

SCARE AT SMITH & McNEILL'S.

Servants and Lodgers in a Joint Fire Panic.

A pot of grease boiling over in the kitchen in the basement of Smith & McNeill's Hotel, in Greenwich street, at 11 o'clock last night, sent dense smoke up through a metal draught pipe. Nearly 300 servant girls were sleeping in top stories of the hotel, and about 500 lodgers were in the place. The cause of the alarm was the fire in the kitchen. In almost no time they had a panic in progress, and girls and lodgers in different degrees of dress and undress were tumbling over each other on the fire escapes and stairways to get out of the building.

Night Manager Vaddell heard the racket and turned in an alarm. By the time the fire apparatus arrived the grease had burned itself out, and after a time quiet was restored.

Two servant girls were not disturbed at all by the noise. Their companions found them sleeping peacefully after it was all over.

CANADIAN DASH FOR THE POLE.

Capt. Bernier to Start in a Fortnight in the Arctic Steamer Gauss.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 30.—Capt. Bernier, who is to make a dash for the North Pole under the auspices of the Canadian Government, will start in a fortnight. The Arctic steamer Gauss, recently purchased from the German Government, is now being refitted and provisioned at Quebec, and will probably come to Halifax to secure part of her crew.

She will then proceed around Cape Horn to Vancouver and thence to Herschel Island, at the mouth of the Mackenzie River, and thence to the Arctic coast, but they will start in a fortnight.

From that point Capt. Bernier will make an effort to reach the pole. The steamer Erik, recently purchased by Canada in Newfoundland, will also be here shortly to embark a party of men to relieve the men already hunting in Hudson Bay.

WOMAN SUED FOR \$50,000.

Mrs. Mackenzie of Boston Demands That Sum From Miss Bessie Vinton.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., June 30.—An attachment for \$50,000 has been laid against Miss Bessie Vinton by Mrs. Hattie H. Mackenzie of Boston in an action of tort. Miss Vinton, who is well known in society circles, is at Far Rockaway. Mrs. Mackenzie has retained Holyoke attorneys, who refuse to discuss the case.

Four or five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mackenzie of New York were known to Miss Bessie Vinton. The Mackenzies and Miss Vinton were well acquainted. Since leaving Springfield, Mrs. Mackenzie, who before her marriage was Miss Hattie McCoy, has lived in Boston.

About the time of the separation Mr. Mackenzie studied for the stage and was with Sothern's company, and was known to Miss Vinton as "If I Were King." He was an understudy to Sothern and played the part of Jehan Le Loup.

Miss Vinton is the only survivor of her family, her father, mother and only sister having died within recent years. From her mother she inherited a fortune. Since then she has spent much of her time in travel.

TAX RATE UP 10 PERCENTS.

Will Be About 1.51 in Manhattan and 1.55 in Brooklyn.

Comptroller Grout said yesterday that the tax rate this year will show an increase of about ten points in all boroughs. If Mr. Grout's estimate is correct, and he is in a position to forecast the figures which will be made public next Tuesday, by the Board of Assessors, the levy this year will be 1.51 for Manhattan and the Bronx, 1.55 for Brooklyn, 1.57 for Queens and 1.59 for Richmond.

Mr. Grout said that the increase in the rate this year over that of last year was caused by the addition of about \$9,000,000 to the budget of 1904 as compared with that of the preceding year. The present administration is not responsible for the higher tax rate, because the budget for this year was made up by the Low administration. The budget for 1903 was about \$7,000,000. For this year the total is approximately \$10,000,000.

BUTLER QUILTS THE POPS.

Resigns as Chairman of the National Committee to Support Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Former Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina, chairman of the national Populist committee, has tendered his resignation and designated J. A. Edmundson of Nebraska to call to order the national convention of that party at Springfield, Ill., on July 4.

Senator Butler recently announced his intentions to support the Republican national ticket and therefore resigns from the Populist committee. Mr. Butler will not take any active part in the coming campaign and thinks no possible combination of the Democrats can defeat Roosevelt. He is also of the opinion that, if Cleveland is nominated by the St. Louis convention, North Carolina, Kentucky and probably other Southern States will cast their electoral votes for Roosevelt.

MAN DROWNED IN CASINO LAKE

ONE OF THREE IN A BOAT WHO COULD NOT ROW WELL.

Central Park Pleasure Parties Hurry to the Rescue After the Capsized—Brave Policemen Shield Dives Until He Is Exhausted—Deep Water Holds Body.

Peter Henn, a young man who ran a candy shop at Ninth avenue and Forty-second street, was drowned in Casino Lake, Central Park, yesterday afternoon, at a few minutes past 5 o'clock.

Henn, John Roesech of Ninth avenue and Fifty-ninth street and William Frank of 328 East Eighty-ninth street, all candy makers, went to the Park for an afternoon's outing. They hired a rowboat from August Braun, the boatkeeper at Casino Lake, and started away with Frank at the oars. None of the three could row very well, but Roesech and Henn thought they could do better than Frank. After they had gaily rowed until he was willing to quit, Roesech said:

"Let me have a try, Bill." Both men stood up at the same time. The boat wobbled. All got scared, and the result was that the boat turned turtle in deep water near Seventy-second street and the West Drive.

The lake was pretty well crowded with pleasure parties at luncheon and canoe, and the men's screams as they tumbled overboard brought help quickly. Roesech knew how to swim a little and he kept his head up until he could grab the bottom of the overturned boat and hold on. Frank, also, could keep afloat, but Henn went down like a chunk of lead.

The President's Shields came down the bank on the run, shedding his helmet and uniform coat. He dived, trying to locate Henn, but the body rose only once. Time after time Shields plunged in, feeling for Henn, until, exhausted, he had to go to the shore.

Mrs. Jacob Hein and her four-year-old son, Jerome, were in a naphtha launch when the rowboat turned over. Mrs. Hein brought the launch to the spot and grabbed Roesech by the hair and coat collar just as he was about to let go his hold on the boat's keel. Then she half dragged him into her launch.

Frank, not knowing that his companion was drowning, swam for the bank. When he pulled himself out and saw that Henn was missing, he jumped in again and tried to find the body. Then he had to be dragged out by force to save his life.

Volunteer grapplers led by August Braun, went to work to try to find Henn's body. They didn't expect much difficulty, although the water is deep at that point, but they were worked for hours without result. At a late hour last night the body had not been recovered.

Mrs. Hein, who helped save Roesech, said that Roesech told her Henn had insured his life for \$5,000 a few weeks ago.

Dr. Goldsmith, Central Park surgeon, had considerable trouble in getting Roesech and Frank into such shape that they could be sent home. They had known Henn since school days, and their grief was pathetic. Shields, the policeman, was so worn out with his efforts to find Henn's body that he was sent to his home in an ambulance.

DR. MCCONNELL HAD TO SWIM.

Engine of His Naphtha Launch Exploded and He Jumped Overboard.

EASTON, Md., June 30.—During a severe thunderstorm, which swept this part of Talbot county this afternoon, the Rev. Dr. S. D. McConnell, rector of All Souls' Church, New York, who several years ago bought Sunset Farm, Miles River, for a summer residence, was out in his naphtha launch for a sail down the river.

The storm came up suddenly, and the engine of Dr. McConnell's launch became overheated and exploded. Dr. McConnell was dazed, but, being a good swimmer, jumped overboard and started to swim ashore.

Preston Chambers, an employee of Dr. McConnell, happened to be standing in the front yard, and, hearing the explosion, saw the minister in the water. He ran to the wharf and swam to the doctor's assistance.

When he reached the minister, the latter had got into shallow water. Then they saw that the only chance of saving the launch from being destroyed by fire was again to swim to it and fill it with water. After a long swim they reached the boat, managed to get it into shallow water and swamped it.

Dr. McConnell said he enjoyed the swim.

BREAD ON THE WATERS.

Quarter Coming Back to Cop With Interest of One Per Cent a Minute.

A hansom stopped in front of the East Fifty-first street station last night and a young man in evening clothes got out. He said to Sergeant Zuni:

"Sergeant, I was arrested last October for intoxication and brought here by a policeman named Walsh. In the morning I didn't have one cent to rub against another and Walsh lent me a quarter."

"Then I straightened up," went West, "a good time. I want him to come to the Adirondacks with me on his vacation and spend it at my lodge."

"My name's Drake. I live over on the avenue and I want to pay compound interest on that quarter at the rate of per cent a minute."

"Then the young fellow went out, bought a few dollars' worth of cigars and passed them around. He left, saying he would return when the sergeant had found Walsh."

LAWYER SOUTHWORTH FREED.

Acquitted of Having Hired a Man to Set Fire to the Van Allen Mansion.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 30.—Ellis B. Southworth, an attorney whose office is at 67 William street, New York, whose trial on the charge of arson in the first degree has lasted four days in the Dutchess County Court, was discharged from custody to-night by County Judge Phillips, the jury in his case having returned a verdict of not guilty.

AN AUGURY FOR CLEVELAND.

Lightning Hits Capitol to Disprove a Doubting Democrat's Prediction.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—A Democratic Congressman told a newspaper correspondent at the Capitol to-day that there was just about as much chance of Grover Cleveland being nominated by the St. Louis convention as there was of lightning striking the Capitol dome.

Just at that moment the dome was struck by a lightning bolt and a man in the building was stunned. There was a thunderstorm going on and the Congressman did not know it. The Congressman begged that his name be not used.

Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota called at the White House to-day and told the President that he was satisfied that Mr. Cleveland would be chosen the Democratic standard bearer. Senator Hansbrough is a Republican.

ALARM IN ROOSEVELT'S OFFICE.

Crash Startles Everybody Except the President and Louis F. Payn.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—While Louis F. Payn was closeted with the President to-day a terrific crash started everybody in the Executive Office building. Secretaries, clerks, messengers and watchmen rushed into the lobby and corridors in a great state of excitement.

The crash was followed by a hissing sound as if water were being played on a hot fire. Investigation showed that a big metal fire extinguisher charged with some chemical substance had fallen from its rack to the floor. The charging chemical escaped and caused the hissing noise.

The President and Mr. Payn went on with their conference, but nearly everybody else in the Executive offices had a scare.

SOCIETY GIRLS AS MINERS.

Two St. Louis Young Women Are Developing Claims in Colorado.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., June 30.—Two society girls of St. Louis, Madge Pickler and Grace Kepford, have come to Colorado "to develop our claims," as they put it, and are now in camp at St. Peter's Dome, near Pike's Peak, where they expect to spend the summer.

The girls will not handle pick and shovel, but have secured overalls and jumpers and say they will wear them whenever they find them more convenient than skirts and shirtheists in superintending work on their claims.

"We have taken out some well mineralized specimens," said Miss Kepford, "and we intend to have them assayed at once. A mining expert who has examined our claims tells us we will have producing mines soon and we shall develop them rapidly."

HER TERROR NEARLY FATAL.

Mrs. Brew, Running From Fire, Struck Her Eye and Was Badly Burned.

Mrs. Mary Brew, who lives on the fifth floor of a flat building at 64 East Nineteenth street, smelled smoke in her kitchen about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. When she ran to see what was the matter she saw a fierce blaze among her pots and pans.

Mrs. Brew got frightened and started to run. She bumped her left eye against the corner of a range, nearly gouging the eye out. Then she knocked her senseless and when the neighbors got there they found her lying on the floor with her clothes on fire and her right hand and arm badly burned. A minute more and she would have